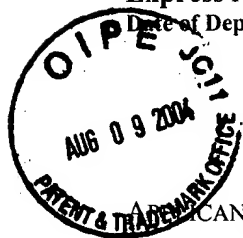


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SERIAL NUMBER: 09/708,870 EXAMINER: Afrenova, V.
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a response is due on or before August 9, 2004 (August 8, 2004 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$210.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 19374-509. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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